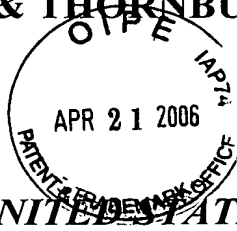


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of March 15, 2006 Applicant elects without traverse claims of Group I (Claims 1-18, 23, 24 and 31) reserving the right to prosecute other groups in continuing applications.

Applicants request allowance of the pending claims. A petition for one-month extension of time is concurrently filed with the required fee. No other fees are believed due at this time, however, please charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayments to deposit account number 12-0913 with reference to our attorney docket number (35635-94974).

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